CALIFORNIA FOREST IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
KEY CONCEPTS for LANDOWNERS

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What is CFIP?

- It’s purpose is to encourage private and public investments in forestlands.
- To ensure adequate future high quality timber supplies.
- Provide employment opportunities and other economic benefits.
- Protect, maintain, and enhance forest resources for the benefit of present and future generations.
What is CFIP?

- A forestry cost-share program that provides funds to non-industrial private forest landowners
- 75% cost-share
- Up to 90% for substantially damaged lands (e.g., fire, beetles, and drought…)
- Focus over the past decade has been the protection of communities and forest stands from fire through fuels reduction projects
- ~$3.4 million for the 17/18 fiscal year
- ~$2 million remaining from the High Speed Rail Authority (for Reforestation projects only!)
WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- Individuals
- Groups
- Associations
- Nonprofit and public entities
- Corporate land owners
Ownership must be 20 to 5,000 acres

Must be capable of supporting at least 10% native tree cover

Zoning does not prohibit Forest Management*

* A Land Use Addendum is filed with the County for projects not under TPZ

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS?
# ELIGIBLE PRACTICES and RATES

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<tr>
<th>PRACTICE</th>
<th>CFIP CAP RATE</th>
<th>90% COST-SHARE&lt;sup&gt;1&lt;/sup&gt;</th>
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<td><strong>Management Plan</strong></td>
<td><strong>High (New)</strong></td>
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<td>$5000 +</td>
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<td>$1.00/acre 1st 160 acres</td>
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<td>$1750 + $1.40/acre</td>
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<td><strong>RPF Supervision</strong></td>
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<td>$75/acre each additional acre</td>
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<td><strong>Site Prep</strong></td>
<td><strong>Light</strong></td>
<td>$360/acre</td>
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<td><strong>Moderate</strong></td>
<td>$500/acre</td>
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<td><strong>Trees &amp; Planting</strong></td>
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<td>Cost based on problem. Use EQIP rates as a guide</td>
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*Rates for plans larger than 1000 acres are negotiated with CALFIRE forester.*
LAND CONSERVATION and WILDLIFE/FISHERIES PROJECTS

- Improvement of drainage facilities to reduce soil erosion and sedimentation of streams
- Forest road repair and upgrading*
- Planting native oaks
- Planting streamside vegetation**
- Planting or reshaping eroding stream banks or gullies
- Remedial work for stabilizing landslides (requires analysis and design by a Certified Engineering Geologist or Geotechnical Engineer) **
- and others!

* Funding of forest road repair and upgrading is only allowed if it protects, maintains, or enhances fish and wildlife habitat.

** Projects involving work on stream channels or banks may require permits from the California Department of Fish and Game or other agencies.
Practices NOT Eligible

- Work required for compliance with the Forest Practice Act and Rules.
- Construction of new roads or bridges.
- Fencing to protect stands from livestock.
- Planting of Christmas trees and greenery.
- Costs of land, water, irrigation, or purchase of tools or equipment.
- Projects designed solely for the production of fuelwood.
**Initial Landowner Requirements**

- Retain the services of a Registered Professional Forester (RPF)
- Have the funds available to pay for your project until reimbursement arrives
  - ~$5k for management plan only
  - ~$50-100k+ for projects, depending on treatments
Submit the Application, Agreement, and other required elements to your local Forestry Assistance Specialist (FAS)

2. Office review and site inspection
3. Review and approval by Sacramento
4. Multi-agency Environmental Review
5. Project Implementation
6. Invoicing
7. Reimbursement
ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

1. The Confidential Archeological Addendum for the property (CAA)
2. A copy of the Management Plan for the property
3. A CFIP Project Review Environmental Checklist
4. RPF check list
5. Land use addendum (if not zoned TPZ)
6. A licensed Pest Control Advisors recommendation for proposed herbicide treatment
7. Natural Diversity Database Findings
Environmental Review

- Usually takes 30 days from the date sent to local agencies and tribes:
  - CA Dept. of Fish and Wildlife
  - Water Quality
  - County Clerk
  - Local Tribes
  - US Forest Service (*if adjacent*)
KEEP IN MIND:

- CFIP cannot be used in conjunction with other cost-share programs (e.g., EQIP)
- Priority Ranking is implemented when program funding drops below $1 million
- You will receive a 1099R form for the tax year(s) in which you receive a CFIP reimbursement payment.
- Consult your tax advisor/CPA before applying!
QUESTIONS?

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